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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AID TO INDIA

- 1. WE HAD A LENGTHY MEETING WITH JACK SULLIVAN AND COMPANY REGARDING YOUR AID RECOMMENDATIONS. YOU WILL BE HEARING DIRECTLY FROM HIM ON THIS MATTER BUT I THOUGHT SOME ADVANCE WORD WOULD BE HELPFUL. JACK'S CONCLUSION, IN WHICH I CONCUR, IS THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT ON AN AID PROGRAM FOR INDIA ON THE BASIS OF THE SCANTY INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO US. AID WILL THEREFORE BE REQUESTING THE PREPARATION OF SOMETHING SIMILAR TO PIDSON THE FIVE ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO US:
- (A) FERTILIZER.
- (B) GRAIN STORAGE.
- (C) RURAL ELECTRIFICATION.

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- (D) MALARIA CONTROL OR RURAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.
- (E) COMMAND AREAS.
- 2. JACK'S VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IN THE FIRST YEAR TO HAVE A TWO-PROJECT PROGRAM, ONE INVOLVING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE WHILE THE OTHER COULD

EMPLOY DOLLARS USED FOR LOCAL COSTS. THIS APPROACH WOULD APPEAR POLITIC IN VIEW OF OMB AND TREASURY CONCERNS AND SOME CONFUSION ON CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.

3. WE WILL BE URGING AID TO GET ITS CABLE OUT TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THE MEANTIME, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO HOLD UP ON THE AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE UNTIL WE HAVE CLEAR OPTIONS THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED HERE. I REALIZE THIS SLOW PACE MAY BE DISAPPOINTING TO YOU BUT I SEE NO ALTERNATIVE. AID IS ALSO CONSIDERING SENDING SOMEONE OUT ON TDY TO HELP IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PIDS. CHRISTOPHER

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